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IN RE APPLICATION OF: KOHJI SAKAI ET AL.

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FOR: SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM, OPTICAL IMAGE FORMING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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